SECURITY INFORMATION

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Section IV, 7, Specific problems of the separate offices
ORR Problem 3, Security, recruitment, and utilization of special skills

Competent personnel representing the many different academic
disciplines and technical backgrounds necessary for the examination of
economic intelligence will always be a major problem. The present
necessity for security screening, and the results thereof, have deprived
ORR of some of the best talent available in the country today as well as
imposing long delay on the processing of those who do join the office.

The long processing involved in the case of those who eventually
are cleared has had serious effects on ORR efficiency. The delay in
screening for one person has meant that it was impossible to draw on
other resources until security decisions were made. This, in turn, has
reflected adversely both on the substantive work and programming, and on
discussions on an administrative and budgetary level. These added
difficulties of administration and recruiting have made inroads on the
time of key personnel and have involved therefore sacrifices in sub-
stantive progress.

It should be possible to arrange a different type of clearance or
to establish procedures for utilizing unclearable personnel. The number
of people knowledgeable in the Soviet field is extremely limited; some
cannot be fully cleared, and many of the most useful cannot be even
partially cleared. Some way must be found whereby ORR can draw on this
pool of talent as needed. The US intelligence community has no such

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richness of means in the present struggle as to be able to let any important segment of them be unutilized.